



## BIG STORM WAS FIERCE

Wind, Rain and Electric Bolts  
Did Much Damage

### SCHOOL HOUSE SOAKED

Fruit Trees Blown Down—Washouts  
in Streets and Roads—Was  
General Throughout the State

Sunday afternoon between four and six o'clock a fierce storm of wind, rain and electric bolts passed over this city and vicinity causing fear, anxiety and much damage, the gathering clouds preceding the storm were angry and when the storm burst were accompanied with considerable hail.

Rain came down in torrents and the electric bolts were sharp and close. The escape conductors from the roof of the new school building could not or did not take care of the heavy volume of water and it found its way to a weak spot in the roof breaking through and deluging the floors, ceilings, walls and basement, plastering fell off in two places and considerable damage was done to books and apparatus. Most all of the school board and teachers were there shortly after the storm subsided and helped straighten out things as best they could, mops and pails were brought into use and a force worked nearly all night to get it ready for school.

Mr. Wright, one of the contractors, found that the roof under the break had not been sufficiently braced. Floods washed out holes in Bridge Street on the North Side and did a couple of hundred dollars damage.

A lot of shade and fruit trees were blown down and washouts in the highways in rural districts were many.

Z. Sovereign's house was struck and some shingles on the roof were knocked off and porch posts were splintered.

An electric bolt snapped so hard in Dr. Smith's house as to render Miss Boyd, trimmer for Mrs. Millard who was calling there with Mrs. Millard, unconscious for some time.

Many phones were put out of commission and the electric light companies experienced considerable difficulty.

Brinton F. Hall had about one hundred apple trees uprooted but thinks some of them can be saved.

Alfred Davis in Grattan had the frame up for a large basement barn just ready to shingle, which went down in a heap causing him much damage.

The roof of Mrs. J. W. Lunn's barn

near Palo was blown off, lightning struck the church steeple there and hail did a lot of damage to crops.

The storm was wide spread and many deaths have been reported from different parts of the state.

### Cardinal Gibbons' Fears

"Unless we train and restrain the children of our country in distinctly Christian living, we cannot hope to hold fast our Christian civilization in the years to come when our children shall be the rulers of a new generation," declared Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop to Bishop Foley in Detroit recently.

"I am afraid that there is some ground for the fear, expressed, that the American spirit is becoming secularized by the engrossing struggle of the present."

"And I fear, too, that Americans are not fully safeguarding the future against the advance of that secularization in the faithful and ever watchful nurture of the young in the certain principles of religion and morality."

"Sixty or seventy years ago Protestant parents were scrupulous to educate their children in the knowledge of the holy scriptures. The children were familiar with language of Gods word."

But I doubt that in the present time parents are so careful to make their children familiar with the holy scriptures as they should be.

"Certainly the Bible is far less quoted by public men and writers, and allusions to it are less frequent in the daily acts of life. Now, if the children are not carefully trained in Christian living we cannot hope for the maintenance of Christian ideals in the future years."

### Mother, Not Old Woman

Don't call your mother "old woman." We often hear that from young men. Stop and think how it sounds. Old lady is bad enough, but the "old woman" applied to her who gave you life and nursed your infancy, is rude and unkind. Once it was "Mother, I'm hungry, mother mend my jacket, mother put up my dinner" and many such things, and mother would spread the bread with butter and stow away the luncheon with her heart brimming for you. Now, is she the old woman?

Running a newspaper is just like running a hotel, only different. When a man goes into a hotel and finds some thing on the table which does not suit him, he does not raise Hades with the landlord and tell him to stop his old hotel. Well hardly. He sets the dish to one side and wades into the many dishes that suit him. It is different with some newspaper readers. They find an article occasionally that does not suit them exactly and without stopping to think it may please hundreds, of other readers, make grandstand play and tell the editor how a paper should be run and what should be put into it.

### MANY CONFIRMED

Impressive Service For Large Class of Boys and Girls At Belding and Miriam

St. Josephs church was crowded Wednesday night to witness the solemn and impressive Catholic service of confirmation when a large class of about fifty received the rite from the hand of Rt. Rev. Bishop Kelly of Ann Arbor, who was assisted by Rev. Fr. Zindler, Belding, W. A. Marrin, Detroit, H. D. McCarty, Ionia and J. E. Troy, Grattan.

The church bore beautiful decorations of flowers and the large class of fine boys and girls made the scene and the ceremony an impressive one. Bishop Kelly gave a most excellent address.

At the close the Bishop and party drove by auto to the Miriam parish where another class of over one hundred was confirmed Thursday morning.

The past week has been a memorable one in Ionia county as nearly one thousand have taken first communion and received confirmation at the parishes in Ionia, Pewamo, Belding and Miriam. Much credit is due to Fr. J. M. Zindler for his active and judicious work here.

### Public School Snap Shots

Lawyer F. L. Warner gave an interesting talk on contracts and obligations on Wednesday morning of last week which was greatly appreciated by the teachers and pupils of the High School.

Miss Neva King of Brink district visited High School Thursday.

Don't forget the special train that makes connections with the 8-20 a. m. and 9-07 p. m. trains for Ionia Field Day, June 10th.

County School Commissioner Lowrey and Superintendent F. O. Jones, president of the County Track and Field Meet have made out the program for the meet, which is to be held next Saturday at the fair grounds in Ionia.

Graduating exercises at the Methodist church Friday evening, June 16th, at 8 o'clock. Address by Dr. W. D. Henderson of Ann Arbor. The graduates are, Cleo L. Anslow, Leota W. Hook, Leila R. Hook, Lola G. Maxwell, Margaret L. Fargo, Blanche M. Glass, Ivah Kinsman, Dorothea C. Hudson, Ethel C. Crame, Earl C. Ballou, Hal, C. Orser and Oscar C. Rummier.

### Manual Training Display.

The Manual Training department of our City schools, under the charge of Miss Naomi Gooding, has a fine display of the work of the pupils on exhibition in the window at the store of E. C. Lloyd with the name of the pupil who did the work attached. The work is all good and shows genius on the part of the pupils and reflects credit on the instructor, Miss Gooding. Since the addition of the manual training department boys who were inclined to be delinquent and remain out of school are taking up the work with vigor and the expense of looking after them to keep them in school has materially decreased.

### Handled Lot of Mail

During the past two months Postmaster George W. Moulton and his force of employees have been required by an order from the post office department at Washington to count every piece of mail which came into and went out of the office.

During the month of May there was a total of 154,934 pieces handled of which 87,600 pieces was letters or first class matter.

This required a lot of work on the part of the force but they were equal to the occasion and Uncle Sam will get a correct report.

### Hail at Elwell

The following regarding the recent big storm is from Harvey Currie who moved to Elwell a few months ago. There was a hail storm passed over here this evening about five o'clock which broke all the window glass on the north side of the houses. And hail stones measured as large as 104 inches in circumference and laid 9 inches deep on the ground after the storm and pounded all the crops that were up right into the ground. The storm covered a strip about eight miles wide and lasted about twenty minutes.

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### JOHN EMMONS

Old Grattan Resident Passed Away  
Funeral Tuesday

John Emmons one of Grattan's respected citizens passed away Saturday after a brief illness, aged sixty-one years, he was born in Canada and came to Michigan with his parents in an early day and has occupied the old farm where they settled for more than twenty years.

He was an honorable and upright man. The funeral service held Tuesday at the Ashley church was largely attended there being nearly one hundred and forty teams in the procession. Rev. T. H. Carey officiated and the floral emblems were many.

Mr. Emmons left a devoted wife and three children, Lewis and Orla Emmons and Mrs. Eleanor Smith, besides two brothers, Ray and Uriah Emmons.

### Off To Boston.

W. P. Hetherington and wife left on Saturday last to join the National Hotel Keepers Association which meets in Boston this year for its annual meeting and from there excursions to different points of interest. They expect to be gone for a couple of weeks and before returning will visit Springfield, Mass., New York, Rockville, Ct. and other places in the vicinity of their old home.

Mr. Hetherington is Vice-President of the association. There is no question but that they will have the finest kind of a time and enjoy every minute. During their absence the Hotel will be in charge of Thomas Bracken and it goes without saying that there will be no falling off in systematic management and keeping up to the usual high standard for which this hostelry is famous during the absence of the "Boss."

### R. W. Trussell Dead

From the Milan Leader we note the death of Reuben W. Trussell a former resident of this city, who died May 28, at the age of eighty-eight years.

The deceased was well known here. He was born in Browning, Vermont, moving to New York State and later to St. Joseph county, Michigan in 1838. He came to Belding and built several houses, being a hardworking industrious man, upright and honorable in all his dealings, respected by all who knew him.

He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Quar of Bronson, and a daughter-in-law and granddaughter in Milan.

### Maccabee Memorial Service

The Maccabees and Lady Maccabees of this city will hold Memorial service in the Church of Christ at 10:30 a. m. Sunday. Rev. I. S. Bussing will deliver an address in their interest on "A Protected Home." The emblems of the order will be tastefully displayed, and music will be furnished by a large chorus. At 2 p. m. the pastor will deliver the Odd Fellows Memorial address at Greenville. At 7:30 there will be a special sermon delivered on "The Value of Commercial Politeness." To all these services the public will receive a hearty welcome.

### Christ Retterstorf Dead

The death of Christ Retterstorf occurred at the home of his father, George Retterstorf in Otisco, Saturday, aged thirty-eight years. He had been in poor health for the past year developing into consumption. Besides his wife and aged father he leaves two children. The funeral was held from the Catholic church in Miriam, Tuesday.

### You Know

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### Notice to Users of City Water

All users of City Water are requested to call at the office of the City Clerk and get a copy of the new rules and regulations governing the use of City Water. There are a great many things in this little pamphlet that you should know and you are earnestly requested to secure a copy and read it very carefully. W. S. EDDY, City Clerk.

Miss Louise Parks has resigned her position with the Grand Trunk in Greenville and gone to Owosso, where she has accepted a position in the Grand Trunk Depot at that place.

## COMMENCEMENT NEXT WEEK

Graduation Days Are Here--  
Class of Boys and Girls  
Will Step Out

### HAVE A FINE PROGRAM

Baccalaureate Sermon at the M. E. Church, Sunday Evening by Rev. F. B. Irving.

Commencement days are again with us and this month will mark a very successful closing of the public schools for the summer vacation. The graduating class numbers twelve this year, the girls as usual predominating, there being nine of them.

Rev. F. B. Irving, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the M. E. church, Sunday evening, at eight o'clock.

On Tuesday, June 13th, at 2:30 p. m., the class day exercises will be held in the high school room.

### PROGRAM

March ..... High School Orchestra  
Invocation, Rev. I. S. Bussing  
Pilgrim's Chorus. High School Chorus  
Salutatory, "Only a Beginning"  
Blanche Glass  
Essay, "In Memoriam," Lala Maxwell  
Class History, Dorothea Hudson  
Presentations, Ethel Crame  
Oration, "True Democracy,"

Earl Ballou  
Vocal Solo. (Selected) Margaret Fargo  
Class Prophecy, Leila Hook  
Class Poem, Ivah Kinsman  
Valedictory, "Education,"  
Cleo Anslow  
Orange and the Black.

High School Chorus  
Benediction, Rev. G. W. Maxwell

On Friday evening, June 16th, the Commencement Exercises will be held in the M. E. Church at eight o'clock at which time the following program will be presented:

Class March, High School Orchestra  
"See! The Harvest Moon is Shining," High School Chorus  
Invocation, Rev. E. Collins  
"Revel of the Leaves," High School Chorus  
Address, "Evolution of the Boy," Dr. W. D. Henderson

"The Storm Flend," High School Chorus

Presentation of Diplomas

Music (Selected) Glee Club

Benediction, Rev. G. W. Maxwell

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